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NETWORK AND METHOD OF HANDLING DATA  
IN THE COMPUTER SYSTEM

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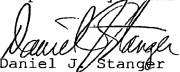
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